102. Needs of the Tiruvalla taluk.

MR. C. G. VARGHESE (*Member, Tiruvalla taluk, Group I*) commenced his representation by thanking the Dewan for giving a favourable reply to the representation of one of the earlier speakers about the opening of a Magistrate's court at Tiruvalla. He then dealt with the following needs of the Tiruvalla taluk :—

(1) The Kuttapuzha scheme. This was a very old scheme and one which had engaged the attention of members of the Assembly at almost every session. The Economic Development Board had also considered the scheme and recommended it to Government. The advantages of opening the Kuttapuzha canal were many. In the first place, it would protect the paddy fields of the Kaviyur *Punja* from the floods of the Manimala river. It would also fertilise the fields to which it led by depositing in them the silt-laden water from the river. Secondly, it would prevent the paddy and sugarcane crops of Vallankulam, Vempala, and other places being ruined by floods. Thirdly, it would serve as a short-cut from Kalluppara, Manimala, etc., to Changanachery, Tiruvalla, Alleppey and other places. So far as expert opinion on the subject was concerned, Mr. John Kuriyan had very strongly endorsed the scheme and recommended it to Government. No stronger recommendation was probably needed for Government to investigate it. The member hoped that the Silver Jubilee of the Assembly would be celebrated next year, among other things, by the opening of the Kuttapuzha canal.

(2) Peringara Bridge. It was a work of the necessity for which the Dewan was personally convinced and on that the member did not want to say much. He only brought it to the notice of Government again.

(3) Vylapalli *Todu*. The great river system of the Pampa and the Manimala could be connected with the Tiruvalla market canal by improving the Vylapalli *todu* and by opening a new canal from Kayapurathu bridge to the Peringol river. What was immediately wanted was only the widening and deepening of the Vylapalli *todu*.

(4) Tiruvalla District Hospital. In view of the increasing needs of the hospital the following additional staff was absolutely necessary :

1. A lady doctor ;
2. A mid-wife ;
3. A nurse, preferably a European nurse.

In the matter of accommodation, three separate wards were necessary, one for septic cases, the other for tuberculosis etc., and the third for women patients in general. A waiting room should also be provided for out-patients.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Varghese, I do not like to damp your ardour. I am afraid you did not hear quite correctly what I said the other day about the Magistrate's court. These are the shorthand notes.

MEMBER : But that was our impression.

DEWAN : I will read the shorthand notes of what I said :

" I first thought that we might consider the question of investing the Munsiff with magisterial powers. But that question has to wait until as I told the last member the High Court goes into the question of a general readjustment of territorial jurisdiction of all civil courts in the State which they have resolved to do. If that is going to take a long time, I do not think it will be right to allow this question of a Magistrate's court at Tiruvalla to stand over until then. I shall induce the Chief Secretary, if inducement is necessary, to take up the question at once."

The Chief Engineer reports that a bridge at Peringara is necessary. He will take the matter up.

As regards the reconstruction of the Kuttapuzha canal there is an old estimate according to which the first stage costs Rs. 20,000. This will have to be re-estimated very carefully this being rather a large matter.

As regards the improvement of Vayalapalli *todu*, the Chief Engineer says that that is a matter requiring investigation.

As regards accommodation for in-patients in the Tiruvalla hospital it happens occasionally that there is a rush of patients.

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MEMBER : The average number is 300.

DEWAN : Is it the number of in-patients ?

MEMBER : No, not in-patients.

DEWAN : There is no permanent need for additional accommodation. The Administrative Board considered it and said that accommodation will be provided as necessity arises. I will ask the Inspecting Officer to look into the matter once more.

MEMBER : Kuttapuzha canal is sure to benefit at least 1,000 acres there and 3,000 acres at Changanachery.

DEWAN : I shall ask the Chief Engineer to bring over the plans and discuss the matter with me.

103. Needs of Chengannur.

MR. MULUR S. PADMANABHA PANICKAR (*Member, Chengannur taluk*) drew the attention of Government to the following needs of Chengannur :—

(i) Maintenance by Government of the following ryots' roads :—

Tumpamon-Kozhanchery road ;
Omalloor-Mulakuzha road ;
Mulakuzha-Kidangannur road ;
Kidangannur-Elavantitta road ;
Kidangannur-Kuzhikala road ;
Elavantitta-Kulangada road ;
Elavantitta-Prakanam road ;
Elavantitta-Elantur road.

(ii) A grant-in-aid should be awarded to Mr. K. M. Govindan Vaidyan of Elavantitta. He was maintaining an Ayurveda Vaidyasala. By caste he was a Kaniyan and had to be encouraged.

(iii) A well should be sunk in the Sri Mula Rajagopala Vilasam market at Elavantitta, walls should be erected round the market, and police arrangements should be made in the market on market days.

(iv) Sanction should be accorded to the S. N. D. P. Branch Association No. 6 of Mezhuveli to open the English school applied for by them. Sanction should also be given for registering the co-operative society and for opening the non-departmental Anchal office applied for by the Yogam.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Padmanabha Panickar, in regard to the Tumpamon-Kozhanchery road, the P. W. D. officers report that the gradient is very steep in some places and at other places the embankments are not fully raised and that the road is not wide enough in many places and until these defects are set right, they will not be in a position to take up the road for maintenance.

MEMBER : The land-owners have agreed to give the necessary lands.

DEWAN : Have they agreed in writing ?

MEMBER : They have given written statements before the Tahsildar. Only one or two people are unwilling to give their lands. For these lands we shall pay the cost.

DEWAN : Much the same thing in regard to the Omallur-Mulakuzha road, which is about 7 miles. It passes through Pantalam, and unless the land is surrendered, the gradients eased, the fences removed, the road cannot be taken over for maintenance.

MEMBER : The Tumpamon-Kozhanchery road is a very useful one. The people are willing to give the necessary lands for it.

DEWAN : The people have agreed to give land free, but it has not been reported to the Chief Engineer or Government. Now that it is known, we can get it done.

MEMBER : If the Pantalam-Elavantitta road is opened, it will be very easy to go to Pathanamtitta. The bridge at Kaipattur can then be done away with altogether.

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